

physical network for transmitting the information data;

a reserving unit [for reserving] configured to reserve a communication path for transferring the information data transmitted through said channel to another data transfer control device <sup>(5)</sup> belonging to at least one of the first physical network [and/or] and the receiving node; and

a commanding unit [for commanding] configured to command the transmitting node to transmit the information data through said channel, by using a protocol depending on the second physical network, so as to perform data transfer to the receiving node even when the transmitting node connected to the second physical network only supports a protocol depending on the second network regardless of the inner connected network environment up to the receiving node.

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#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-90 are pending in the present application with Claims X-X having been amended by the present amendment.

This application is a Continued Prosecution application of parent application Serial no. 09/035,995, filed on March 6, 1998.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview extended to Applicant's representative on August XX, 2000. During the interview, the differences between the present invention and the applied art and the rejections noted in the previous outstanding Office Action mailed March 24, 2000, and the Examiner's comments noted in